

EOPS PROGRAMS DIVISION NEWSLETTER

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Announcements

"2003-2004 Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor Recipients Honored" On March 22, Deputy Attorney General James Comey and Associate Attorney General Robert McCallum honored the recipients of the Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor during a public ceremony at the Department of Justice. The six recipients of the award represent fire, police and emergency medical services from across the nation. Two of the recipients of the 2003-2004 Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor are **James Ahern and John Ahern, both of Boston, Massachusetts**. A description of the acts of valor is available online at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/medalofvalor/movsynopses.htm>.

The medal is the highest national award for valor by a public safety officer, honoring heroic deeds performed above and beyond the call of duty. The medal, authorized by the Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor Act of 2001, is awarded by the president to public safety officers cited by the attorney general. Public safety officers are nominated by the chiefs or directors of their employing agencies and recommended by the Medal of Valor Review Board. Additional information about the award and the Medal of Valor Review Board members can be found online at www.ojp.usdoj.gov/medalofvalor/.

"Grant Writing Basics and Budgeting for Juvenile Justice" The Executive Office of Public Safety is hosting a statewide workshop entitled Grant Writing Basics and Budgeting for Juvenile Justice to assist potential applicants with general grant writing skills. It will be presented on **Monday, April 26, 2004**, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., at the Holiday Inn, 399 Grove Street, Newton, Mass. Each organization/jurisdiction is limited to two registrants, including a fiscal and/or programmatic person responsible for grant writing.

For more information, contact Jennifer Keating: jennifer.keating@state.ma.us or 617-727-6300 extension 25338 or Kelly Robichaud: kelly.robichaud@state.ma.us or 617-727-6300 extension 25335. The registration form may be obtained from the EOPS web site at http://www.state.ma.us/ccj/download/grants_registration.doc. Also, the Holiday Inn is accessible by the MBTA, D Line, Riverside stop. Driving directions will be sent to all registrants prior to the workshop.

"Rave/Club Drugs Awareness Seminar" The U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance is offering a **Rave/Club Drugs Awareness Seminar** at the Sheraton Springfield Monarch Place, One Monarch Place, Springfield, Massachusetts on **April 26, 2004**, 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. (check-in 8:00-8:30). The one-day class is designed for law enforcement officers and addresses the various club drugs, including symptoms of their use, and their relationship to the rave scene. This awareness seminar also provides valuable information to officers on strategies for regulating rave events and for conducting drug enforcement operations at raves. There is no registration fee. You may register online at <http://registration.iir.com/clubdrugs.htm>. If you have additional questions please call (800) 446-0912.

"2004 Victim Rights Conference" As part of honoring the 20th anniversary of Victim Rights in Massachusetts, MOVA will host the 2004 Victim Rights Conference on **Wednesday, April 28, 2004**, at the Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel in Marlborough, MA. This free day long conference brings together crime victims, victim service providers and criminal justice personnel for a day of learning, networking and inspiration. Rev. Gloria White Hammond, M.D., co-Pastor of Bethel AME Church in Boston and a pediatrician at the South End Community Health Center will be offering the keynote address. Nationally, Crime Victim Rights Week will be celebrated during the week of April 19, 2004. The theme of this year's celebration is Victims' Rights: America's Values.

"Bidders' Conference" The Executive Office of Public Safety (EOPS) Programs Division is hosting a Bidders' Conference for potential applicants for funds recently allocated to the Commonwealth by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP). The conference will take place on **Thursday, April 29, 2004**, at the Best Western, 624 Southbridge

Street, Auburn, Mass. Informational sessions will be conducted for the Formula Grant and Title V Delinquency Prevention Program. Each organization/ jurisdiction interested in attending is limited to two registrants, including a fiscal and/or programmatic person responsible for grant writing and/or grant administration for the organization. Driving directions will be sent to all registrants prior to the conference.

Each of the three sessions of the conference is limited to 100 participants, who will be accepted in the order in which they register. The registration deadline is Thursday, April 27, 2004. For more information about the conference, contact Jennifer Keating: jennifer.keating@state.ma.us or at 617-727-6300 extension 25338 or Kelly Robichaud: kelly.robichaud@state.ma.us or at 617-727-6300 extension 25335. Additional information about the two programs can be accessed from the EOPS web site on the Grant Programs page: www.state.ma.us/ccj/grantpro.htm. The registration form may be obtained at: http://www.state.ma.us/ccj/download/grants_registration2.doc. Please check the registration form for the times that each session will be conducted. The contact for the Formula Grant is Andrew Polk, andrew.polk@state.mass.us, telephone 617-727-6300 extension 25333; and the contact for Title V is Carol Dingle, carol.dingle@state.mass.us, telephone 617-727-6300 extension 25327.

"Narcotics Task Force Workshop" The U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance is offering a **Narcotics Task Force Workshop** at NESPIN, 124 Grove Street, Suit 105, Franklin, Massachusetts on **May 3-5, 2004**. The three-day course is designed for multijurisdictional narcotics task force commanders and supervisory personnel in the area of multiagency narcotics enforcement operations. It focuses on multiagency response training needs in the investigation and prosecution of narcotics trafficking conspiracies. Instruction includes practical exercises covering both administrative and operational aspects of narcotics task force enforcement efforts. There is no registration fee. You may register online at <http://registration.iir.com/narc.htm>. For information about overnight accommodations or additional questions, please call (800) 446-0912.

The **National Center for Victims of Crime** will convene its first national conference, which has as its theme **"Forging Alliances Building Leadership,"** in Washington, DC, **June 20-22, 2004**. Coinciding with the National Center's 20th anniversary, this conference will feature:

- Nationally recognized speakers on a wide range of cutting-edge issues;
- Hands-on workshops to sharpen your skills;
- Networking opportunities with victim service providers and allied professionals from across the country;
- Scheduled meetings with your Congressional representatives; and
- No-cost exhibit opportunities.

For additional information regarding "Call for Presenters," "Exhibit Applications," and conference registration information please go to www.ncvc.org.

"Methamphetamine Investigation Management Workshop" The workshop, designed for state and local law enforcement officers, addresses the operational aspects of managing methamphetamine investigations, as well as problem areas specific to these types of investigations. Training objectives include: The Methamphetamine Problem, Clandestine Laboratories, Manufacturing Methamphetamine, First Response Procedures, Investigation Techniques, Raid Issues, and Emerging Trends. The workshop will be held **June 21-23, 2004**, at the Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel & Trade Center, 181 Boston Post Road West, Marlborough, MA. (508-460-0700). A block of rooms has been reserved for the nights of June 20-22, 2004. The contract rate is \$79, plus tax, for single or double occupancy. Please reference **BJA Training** and reserve your room by June 7, 2004. There is **no registration fee** for this workshop.

The training is co-hosted by the New England State Police Information Network (NESPIN), Massachusetts United States Attorney's Office, Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety, and New England HIDTA. To register online please go to: <http://www.iir.com/centf/Meth.htm>

"Review and Comment on the Commonwealth's FFY2004 Edward Byrne Memorial State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance Formula Grant Strategy" – The Executive Office of Public Safety (EOPS) is pleased to announce that the federal Fiscal Year 2004 Edward Byrne Memorial State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance Formula Grant Program Application and State Strategy is available for review and comment at the EOPS website www.mass.gov/ccj/update.htm. After reviewing the document, you may submit written comments or questions to Lynn Wright, Byrne Team Leader, at lynn.wright@state.ma.us or John Farley, Deputy Director, at john.farley@state.ma.us.

The Executive Office of Public Safety Programs Division has submitted applications on March 31, 2004, to the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) for grants totaling \$2,567,100. The allocations are for the Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee, \$30,000, and the following programs:

- Juvenile Accountability Block Grants (JABG) are intended to promote greater accountability in the juvenile justice system. The program enables states and units of local governments to strengthen their policies, programs, and administrative systems that foster the creation of safe communities. The underlying supposition is that youth, their families, and the juvenile justice system must be accountable for improving the quality of life in every community. \$978,100 is available for Massachusetts.
- Title V provides states with the opportunity to fund delinquency prevention and early intervention programs for communities that comply with the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDPA) mandates. Congress has structured this program to support communities that have developed comprehensive and collaborative strategies to prevent juvenile delinquency. Local applicants are asked to illustrate risk-focused prevention efforts based on the assessment of risk factors associated with the development of juvenile crime. EOPS applied for \$272,000.
- Formula Grant funds are appropriated by Congress and awarded by OJJDP on the basis of their proportionate population under age 18. Formula grants may be used to support a variety of programs related to preventing and controlling delinquency and improving the juvenile justice system. Funds may also be used for research, evaluation, statistics and other informational activities, training, and technical assistance. \$1,287,000 is allocated for the Commonwealth.

For information about the availability of grant applications from EOPS, once the federal awards are made, watch the "What's New" section of the EOPS Web site, www.state.ma.us/ccj

The Executive Office of Public Safety (EOPS) Programs Division is soliciting applications for **Formula Grant** funds awarded to states by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. The purpose of the Formula Grants program is to aid states in delinquency prevention and intervention efforts and improvement of juvenile justice systems. State agencies and units of local government are eligible to apply. Applicants should be aware that this year Massachusetts has chosen to target the following program areas: aftercare/reentry, substance abuse, delinquency prevention, disproportionate minority contact, diversion, gender-specific services, and mental health services.

on **April 22, 2004**, the Executive Office of Public Safety posted the **Application for Grant Funds (AGF)** on the EOPS web site that can be accessed from the following link: www.state.ma.us/ccj/formula.htm. If you have any questions regarding the funding process, please contact Andrew Polk, Acting Juvenile Justice Specialist, at (617) 727-6300 x25333 or andrew.polk@state.ma.us

The Executive Office of Public Safety (EOPS) Programs Division will soon be soliciting applications for **Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG)** funds awarded to states by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. The purpose of the JABG program is to aid states in reducing delinquency rates through initiatives that establish innovative ways to hold juvenile offenders accountable for their actions. Formerly known as the Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant (JAIBG), the program has been modified to include more program areas that the states can choose to focus on. Eligible applicants are units of local governments and state agencies. Please stay tuned to the following web site for release of the Application for Grant Funds (AGF) and the announcement of the program areas that will be targeted with this year's funds: www.state.ma.us/ccj/JAIBG.htm

If you have any questions regarding the funding process, please contact Marie Beckford, Technical Specialist, at (617) 727-6300 x25349 or marie.beckford@state.ma.us.

Funding Opportunities

To date, over 500 local police agencies, district attorneys' offices, sheriffs' departments, state agency representatives and private sector employees receive the EOPS Programs Division Newsletter. In an effort to provide timely and relevant funding information for the multitude of subscribers, the Funding Opportunities section has been expanded and is attached to the newsletter. If you have problems opening the attachment, please e-mail Patricia Bergin at patricia.bergin@state.ma.us.

"Application for Grant Funds" Please be advised, for the purposes of grant solicitation by the EOPS Programs Division, the Application for Grant Funds (AGF) replaces the term RFR (Request for Response).

Research and Statistics

“Cybercrime against Businesses: Pilot Test Results, 2001 Computer Security Survey” Among 198 businesses responding to a 2001 pilot survey, 74% reported being a victim of cybercrime. Furthermore, 68% of companies detecting incidents reported losses totaling \$61 million and 83% of companies detecting computer attacks or other computer security incidents reported having 1 or more hours of downtime
<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/cb.pdf>

“Hallucinogens” According to data from the 2003 Monitoring the Future Study, the prevalence of lifetime hallucinogen use among high school students was 4.0% for 8th graders, 6.9% for 10th graders, and 10.6% for 12th graders. According to the Drug Abuse Warning Network (DAWN) emergency department (ED) data for 2002, there were 891 mentions of LSD, 7,648 mentions of PCP, and 1,428 mentions of miscellaneous hallucinogens in emergency departments reporting to DAWN.
<http://www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov/drugfact/hallucinogens/index.html>

“Juveniles and Drugs” The Office of National Drug Control Policy has updated its Web site regarding the extent and consequences of juvenile drug use, including data on youth arrested for drug offenses and youth admitted to drug abuse treatment facilities. According to the 2002 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 11.6% of youths age 12 to 17 reported current use of illicit drugs in 2002. Approximately 30% of youths reported using an illicit drug at least once during their lifetime and 22.2% reported using an illicit drug within the past year. Marijuana was the major illicit drug used for this age group, with 8.2% of youths being current users. <http://www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov/drugfact/juveniles/index.html>

“Partnership Attitude Tracking Study (PATs): Teens 2003” by the Partnership for a Drug-Free America reveals ecstasy: had the most significant decline among illegal drugs, decreasing 18% from 2002, and down by 25% since teen Ecstasy use peaked in 2001. Lifetime use of any illegal drug is down by 10% over the last five years (from 51% in 1998 to 46% in 2003). However, some 21% of teenagers – 1 out of every 5 – report using a prescription drug without a doctor’s order. With 4% of teenagers report having tried heroin, the rate remains stable and unchanged.
http://www.drugfreeamerica.org/acrobat/Full_Report_PATS_Teens_2003.pdf

Resources

“Governor’s Commission on Criminal Justice Innovation” The Commission, comprised of over 150 representatives from criminal justice related fields, was organized into the following five subcommittees covering a broad spectrum of criminal justice topics: Urban Crime Strategies, Re-entry and Post-Release Supervision, Forensic Technology, Cross-Agency Information Sharing, and Criminal Justice Education and Training. http://www.mass.gov/Agov2/docs/Crime_Commission04_FINAL.pdf

“Gun Violence Among Serious Young Offenders” addresses youth gun violence, describing the problem and reviewing risk factors. It then identifies a series of questions that can help analyze local problems. Finally, it reviews responses to the problem and lessons learned from evaluative research and police practice. <http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/mime/open.pdf?Item=1078>

“Statistical Briefing Book” In collaboration with the National Center for Juvenile Justice, OJJDP has redesigned the Statistical Briefing Book to expand its content and improve its navigation. Three topics have been added: Juvenile Justice System Structure and Process, Juveniles on Probation, and Juvenile Reentry and Aftercare. Visitors will discover new ways to find information, links to national data sets and other resources, a glossary, and enhanced access to online statistical publications.
<http://ojjdp.ncjrs.org/ojstatbb/index.html>.

Youth Communication helps teenagers develop their skills in reading, writing, thinking, and reflection, so they can acquire the information they need to make thoughtful choices about their lives. To accomplish this teens receive training in journalism and related skills; magazines, and books and other materials written and illustrated by young people are published. The following publications are available:

- **New Youth Connections** is a teen-written magazine published seven times during the year.
<http://www.youthcomm.org/Publications/NYC.htm>
- **Represent** is a bimonthly magazine written by and for teens in foster care.
<http://www.youthcomm.org/Publications/FCYU.htm>
- **Books by Youth Communication** are paperback anthologies of articles from New Youth Connections and Represent. <http://www.youthcomm.org/Publications/Books.htm>

Homeland Security Resources

“Connecting the Dots for a Proactive Approach: Community Policing Strategies for Preventing and Responding to Terrorism” This issue of *Border and Transportation Security* magazine explores with the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) how to harness the power of community policing to secure the homeland. <http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/mime/open.pdf?Item=1046>.

“National Incident Management System” This system will provide a consistent nationwide approach for Federal, State, local, and tribal governments to work effectively and efficiently together to prepare for, prevent, respond to, and recover from domestic incidents, regardless of cause, size, or complexity. <http://www.dhs.gov/interweb/assetlibrary/NIMS-90-web.pdf>. National Incident Management System Fact sheet: <http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/display?content=3258>

“Homeland Security Training” The Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety Programs Division is committed to providing the first responder community and all the citizens of the Commonwealth with up-to-date Homeland Security related information and training. The Executive Office of Public Safety recognizes that state and local government, emergency first responders and the citizens of the state must work together toward the common commitment to protecting the Commonwealth and all of its citizens, who live and work in the state, from threats and acts of terrorism. This website serves as a single point of access to counter-terrorism training opportunities and related materials available across the Federal and State Government and from private and nonprofit organizations. These resources will help every decision making first responder develop strategic plans for professional training and local emergency response. A variety of counter-terrorism based educational and technical assistance resources are available to law enforcement professionals and other first responders. Knowing what educational outlets exist and where to turn for technical assistance can help you and your agency prepare for or respond to a terrorist incident. The Homeland Security Grant Management Team of the Executive Office of Public Safety will assist in the coordination of all Homeland Security training. With your assistance we look forward to securing a safer future for Massachusetts. http://www.state.ma.us/ccj/hls_training.htm

“Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI)” The Executive Office of Public Safety Homeland Security Team is pleased to announce the distribution of approximately \$2.5 million dollars in training and exercise money to the City of Boston. The money will be used to pay for training courses concerning hazardous materials, explosives, and weapons of mass destruction. Additionally, the money will be used to conduct several exercises using first responders who will respond to biological, radiological and nuclear incidents.

Contact Information

Suggestions? We welcome and encourage your comments regarding this electronic newsletter. Please email Patricia Bergin, Research Analyst, Massachusetts Statistical Analysis Center, at: patricia.bergin@state.ma.us.

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